

## Jewish activists worried by Moscow's 'CIA agents' charge

MOSCOW. — Soviet Jewish dissident leaders said last night that allegations in the official press that some of them were paid American agents were "crude and slanderous inventions" which could herald Stalinist-type trials.

The U.S. embassy in Moscow said a charge in the same newspaper article that some of its diplomats had recruited dissidents to work for the Central Intelligence Agency was "a classical piece of disinformation."

The separate Jewish and American statements were responding to charges by the government newspaper "Izvestia" on Friday night which also alleged that Western correspondents here engaged in espionage.

The main portion of "Izvestia's" article was an open letter by S.L. Lipavsky, formerly an active Jewish dissident and now purportedly repentant for his links to U.S. intelligence.

Lipavsky's letter claimed that Alexander Lerner, a leading Soviet dissident, and Vitaly Rubins and David Azbel, who have since emigrated, headed a ring of dissemblers that received "solid material help" from "foreign bosses."

Lipavsky used considerable space in his letter to attack the Soviet dissident movement. He said dissident "leaders were promised money or their actions and occasionally asked hunger strikes so that Western correspondents would write about their 'cause'."

The article was seen as part of a Kremlin response to Western charges that the Soviet Union is violating human rights.

The Jewish statement last night said the activists would refuse to take any active part in "frame-up trials like those staged by Stalin in the 1930s" which it said, now could be in the offing.

The Jewish statement was telephoned to Western journalists by Dr. Vladimir Slepak. He and his wife were accused by "Izvestia" of being paid CIA agents. The statement was signed by seven activists.

Five of them, including Dr. Alexander Lerner, whom the article also suggested had provided information to American intelligence, had their Moscow apartments searched by security police on Friday.

Another activist mentioned by "Izvestia," Anatoly Shcherbak, was at Dr. Slepak's apartment yesterday. Plainclothes police waited on the landing and several more were in black cars in the street outside.

The statement by the seven said "The conduct of the activists over the years had been within the law and aimed exclusively at obtaining for ourselves and others who desire it the possibility of emigrating from the USSR to Israel."

The American statement, as read to correspondents by an embassy spokesman, said: "We consider it (the 'Izvestia' article) a classical piece of disinformation interlarded

with slander and innuendo. As such, we consider it unworthy of further comment at this time."

"Izvestia" named three U.S. diplomats — Melvyn Levitsky and Miss Allyn Nathanson — who are no longer based in Moscow, and Joseph Presel, who is on the embassy staff but at present abroad.

It suggested that several officials of the mission as well as journalists were involved in spying with the help of dissidents. Two of the reporters named are no longer in Moscow but a third — Peter Osnos of "The Washington Post" — is.

Espionage is a capital offence in the Soviet Union. The allegations against the activists might be a warning, primarily to Washington, of what could happen if the Carter Administration does not tone down its public comments on human rights.

Exiled Soviet dissident Andrei Amalrik said on Friday the Soviet Union had to blow the cover of one of its KGB agents to manufacture charges about the American spying in Moscow.

"It's all lies, with the exception that I believe Lipavsky really did seek contacts with the CIA," Amalrik said in Bonn. "This shows how sensitive this question of human rights is."

Amalrik said he knew Lipavsky and believed he "was a KGB agent ordered to set up contacts with Americans about Jewish dissidents who want to emigrate to Israel." (Reuters, AP)



Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu (left) points out damaged buildings as he toured Bucharest with a group of officials after the first earthquake to strike his country since 1922. (UPI/telephone)

## Quake leaves hundreds dead in Rumania

BUCHAREST. — Rumania emerged stunned yesterday from a massive earthquake that flattened apartment houses in its capital, destroyed homes in its countryside and left hundreds of dead and injured.

Western diplomats briefed by Rumanian officials said the number killed throughout the hard-hit eastern half of the nation "could exceed 1,000." No immediate official figure was given.

One diplomat said 400 deaths were officially confirmed and that "there probably are a very substantial number of injured." No foreigners were thought to be among the casualties.

Neighbouring Bulgaria reported 80 deaths, 165 injured and about 90 buildings destroyed in that country, whose hardest hit areas were near the Rumanian border in the Danube towns of Slavitov and Rouss.

In Bucharest, rescue workers searching for bodies laboured into the night digging through stone, plaster and bricks from buildings entirely flattened or whose facades had shaken loose from roof to foundation. The piles of rubble compounded the problem of reaching a final death count.

In response to a telephone call from The Jerusalem Post last night, residents of Bucharest said that the hardest hit area of their city was a central section containing buildings erected between the two world wars.

Electricity and water facilities in their residential area were functioning normally, the sources said, and people were volunteering to help in the rescue efforts.

The sources added that some Rumanians with relatives in Israel managed to send cables yesterday evening, but it was almost impossible to get phone calls through.

President Nicolae Ceausescu cut short an African tour and immediately after his return from Nigeria in the morning declared a state of emergency throughout this Communist Balkan nation of 21 million. It served to mobilize the army and volunteer brigades.

This city of wide avenues, founded in the 15th century, was worst hit by the Friday night earthquake that registered 7.2 on the modified Richter scale. Its epicentre was at Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Bude, 176 KM north-northeast of Bucharest.

One survivor of the earthquake said yesterday he believed that every third block of apartment houses was destroyed in Bucharest.

Johann Todt arrived in Frankfurt yesterday aboard a plane of the Rumanian Tarom airline. He was with a group of 50 other ethnic Germans whom Rumanian authorities permitted to leave to join their families in the West.

## Vance: To air ideas for a solution Rabin to U.S. today for talks with Carter

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, speaking to reporters prior to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's arrival here this afternoon for talks with President Jimmy Carter, said that the U.S. is "developing ideas which we think will be positive in moving toward a peaceful solution" between Israel and the Arab States.

Rabin was due to leave from Ben-Gurion Airport early this morning. His entourage includes his Chief of Bureau, Eli Mizrahi, his aide-de-camp, Pat-Aluf Ephraim Foran, and his adviser on diplomatic affairs and public relations, Yehuda Averbach.

The Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office, Amos Eran, and press adviser Dan Patir are awaiting him in Washington.

Vance told a State Department press conference on Friday that he and the President will be discussing these ideas with the various Middle East leaders with whom they will be meeting during the next two weeks, beginning with Rabin tomorrow and Tuesday.

"We hope that by this process we may begin to make concrete progress in the narrowing of the differences between the parties," Vance said.

Rabin, after landing at nearby Andrews Air Force Base, will head for Blair House, across the street from the White House, where he and his party will stay. The official part of Rabin's visit begins tomorrow morning when he goes to the White House for an expected one-hour introductory session with Carter, Vice-President Walter Mondale, National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski and Vance.

Immediately after this session, Rabin goes to the State Department, where Vance is giving a working luncheon to be followed by additional discussions on various issues.

There will be a "working dinner" in Rabin's honour at the White House tomorrow evening. A second Rabin-Carter session may take place on Tuesday morning, but presumably, the need for this second meeting will be determined during the first session.

At Friday's press conference, Vance declined to provide details about the U.S. ideas being developed, only saying that the Administration has been "refining our thinking on the various areas where the parties are divided."

He continued: "I don't want to go into the precise state of our thinking on these various issues. As I previously indicated, we believe that our function is not to impose a settlement on the parties but to try and bring the parties together in these areas where there are differences."

The Secretary said that he had not gone to the Middle East last month with a U.S. plan. "That was basically a fact-finding trip and also an attempt to find where the common ground lay and where the differences were," he said. "Those purposes were achieved."

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The 35-year-old Todt said the "Scala" restaurant in downtown Bucharest "collapsed like a house of cards."

Todt told reporters he believed that only a few persons managed to fight their way out of a neighbouring cinema which the quake "turned into a heap of rubble."

He said the tremors destroyed the control tower at Bucharest airport, tore off cables and shattered window panes.

"I never saw such terrible things in my life," Todt said. (UPI)

David Landau writes: Israel immediately cabled an offer of medical and other aid to the Rumanian government. Officials said an initial plane load could be flown out within a day or two.

A shipment of construction tools and equipment manufactured at the Kibbutz Hagashirim plant will be sent to Rumania to assist in clearing rubble.

President Katzir, Premier Rabin and Foreign Minister Allon sent messages of condolences to their respective opposite numbers.

By last night, the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem was able to report that all the Israeli tourists and residents — known to be in Bucharest and Constanta — had been contacted and were alive and well. There was no contact as yet with a number of smaller towns where Israeli tourists might be staying.

There are some 300 Israeli students in Rumanian universities. Some 76 were at a Purim party at the Israeli Embassy when the earthquake struck.

The main synagogue and Jewish community centre were undamaged.

Aaron Sittner adds: Beginning at about Friday midnight, orders for "many hundreds" of phone calls to Rumania began arriving at the "Dial 18" international phone operators bureau in Tel Aviv. (Rumania is one of the countries still not served by direct dialing from Israel.)

Zecharya Mizrotzky, Communications Ministry press officer, told The Jerusalem Post last night, that "the number of orders for conversations to that country kept snowballing throughout the weekend. At this time (last night), we already have a backlog large enough to require a week's time to clear."

He explained that Rumania is normally served by three direct coaxial phone lines linking Tel Aviv and Bucharest. Each line is capable of carrying dozens of conversations simultaneously.

A fourth line was added yesterday by transferring it from a circuit serving another country, and a fifth direct Tel Aviv-Bucharest phone line will be put into service this morning.

## Carter says ME leaders want halt to arms race

Deplores leaks from Washington

WASHINGTON. — Israel and Arab leaders told Secretary of State Cyrus Vance last month they wanted to reduce the Middle East arms race and buy fewer American weapons, President Carter disclosed in an interview published yesterday.

The President also said he planned a major foreign policy speech at the U.N. this month.

Other points in the interview included an expression of shock at leaks of secret information from Washington and a statement that he intended to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil by shifting the use of coal as an energy source.

On arms, Carter said the views of Middle East countries coincided with his own hopes of reducing U.S. weapons sales worth billions of dollars each year.

He had had a "favourable response" from the Soviet Union, France, West Germany and Britain when he got in touch about their joining the U.S. in cutting down arms sales.

"It is hard for (Middle East) countries...unilaterally to stop buying weapons," Carter said. But in talks with Vance during his Middle East trip last month "every one of them unilaterally said they would like to stop."

Carter discussed arms sales and other issues during a question and answer session with 22 American newspaper editors at the White House. The transcript was released before a two-hour broadcast talk from the White House this afternoon. (See below.)

The President expressed shock at what he said was the scope of leaks of secret information he found when he entered the White House in January.

His remarks followed recent news reports, which he has already condemned, saying that Jordan's King Hussein and other world leaders received secret payments from the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

"One of the surprises has been the almost total absence of any sort of confidentiality around Washington on matters that I think sometimes we would like to hold to ourselves," he said. He added that he believed some CIA revelations had damaged America's capability to obtain adequate intelligence from abroad.

Carter made clear he was struggling with a dilemma in a country which has complete freedom of the press and no official secrets act.

"How can you maintain a democracy, truthfulness and transparency while the American people on the one hand, and on the other hand preserve a mandatory degree of confidentiality about intelligence sources?" he asked. "This is important even in peace time, but it would be crucial to us in time of an international crisis to have the people who give us information, completely in a legitimate way, to know their help to us... wouldn't be revealed publicly," the President said. (Reuters)

## Allon: Israel prefers an overall settlement

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

On the eve of Premier Rabin's departure for Washington, his Deputy, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, reiterated Israel's preference for an overall peace settlement with all the Arab front-line states that would include a solution to the Palestinian problem. Speaking in a television interview on Friday night, Allon said that a more limited end-of-war pact was only second-best in Israel's order of preference, but Israel would certainly be ready to negotiate such a pact if it proved the most practicable prospect.

Allon recalled Secretary of State Vance's pledge, during his recent visit here, that Washington would not set out a peace plan of its own, but saw its role rather as a middleman, trying to bring the parties back to Geneva.

Allon said the Carter Administration took an "ideological" approach to certain foreign policy problems, and this accounted for its refusal to sell "cluster bombs" to foreign countries — including Israel.

Israel, he said, had sought to explain to Secretary Vance its need for the bombs, but the U.S. had not changed its decision. The Administration would, however, be prepared to consider selling Israel other weapons as a substitute for the "cluster bombs."

The U.S. veto of Israel's sale of Kfir planes to Ecuador stemmed from Washington's reluctance to have sophisticated weaponry of American origin introduced into nearby countries, he said. Allon said he believed the U.S. decision on this was also final. He added that he expected the issue to come up during Rabin's talks in Washington, but it would certainly not be a "central" issue.

## Phone-in on Uganda crisis

WASHINGTON. — President Carter said yesterday that the leaders of several other countries had helped to defuse a potential international crisis over Uganda last weekend. Answering the first call of a unique two-hour phone-in to the White House, Carter said "The world was on the border of a crisis last weekend." He was referring to an order last week from Ugandan President Idi Amin that Americans in the country could not leave until they had a meeting with him three days later. The meeting was later cancelled and President Amin said the estimated 240 Americans were free to go where they wished. A caller from Michigan asked Carter about the Ugandan situation as the U.S. President answered questions from around the nation. The calls were being broadcast virtually live over radio, with only a seven-second delay. Describing efforts to ensure the safety of U.S. citizens in Uganda, Carter said: "We got the help of some national leaders who are close to Amin, primarily of the Moslem faith, and also the Federal Republic of (West) Germany."

## Quarrel over more aid threatens Afro-Arab talks

CAIRO. — Arab opposition to African demands for greater financial aid from the oil states yesterday threatened to collapse an Afro-Arab cooperation conference.

Arab foreign ministers met repeatedly to draw up a reply to the African demand that the oil producers pledge \$2.2 b. in aid. Arab conference sources said a majority of the ministers refused to make any specific promises, and rejected a compromise proposed by Egypt and Algeria that would have pledged a smaller figure.

"The question of financial support is the most important before the conference," Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy said. "Unless agreement is reached on this question, the conference will be a failure, and we (the Arabs) will pay dearly for this."

The Afro-Arab wrangle delayed the foreign ministers' third working session, scheduled initially for yesterday morning, by more than eight hours. An Arab League official said privately the African demands could also be a divisive issue when a first-ever Afro-Arab summit of chiefs of state opens in Cairo tomorrow.

Sources said Saudi Arabia and Kuwait argued they have loaned African countries \$1.9b. in the past three years and now want to put their money to "productive use."

In Kuwait the newspaper "Al-Anba" castigated the Africans for what it said was a "no aid, no cooperation" attitude.

"This attitude caused an extreme disappointment among Arab leaders who regard Afro-African cooperation as humanitarian, civilized and culturally based interaction," the paper said.

It added, "The African leaders should not forget that Arab countries extended military and political support to many African countries in their endeavour for liberation, in addition to economic aid." (UPI, AP)



A car deserted in Rehov Ben-Yehuda near Jerusalem's Zion Square during the height of Thursday night's snowstorm, sits amid piles of slush on Friday. (Barzilay)

## Rain and snow wet-blanket Purim

Jerusalem Post Staff

Purim, often enough wet, was somewhat less than usual this year as the weekend's downpours in the coastal cities and by the heavy snowfall that blanketed Jerusalem and other hill towns. Most of the scheduled public events had to be cancelled, and many of the costumed children who normally saunter through the streets had to stay indoors.

In Tel Aviv Friday's downpour reduced the familiar street scenes of cars stalled in puddles and temporarily inactive traffic lights. The central Bus Station was flooded, as usual on a stormy day, but there was no major street flooding.

The strong winds blew off twenty or so Aviv roofs and billboards, sometimes blocking the roads until moved by municipal workers.

The situation was easier yesterday, as there was practically no rain during the day, and many children were out in costume.

To the south of Tel Aviv — from Shodot to the Gaza Strip — the coastal plain was turned white for a me on Friday by a heavy blizzard. The hail, and the rain and strong winds which continued through the weekend, stopped work at the Ashkelon oil port and slowed work at Shodot port.

Abraham Rabinovich writes: In Jerusalem, the Purim snowfall stayed on the ground long enough on Friday for the Municipality to organize an instant snowman contest. It was also there long enough for a good part of the working population to stay home and for the ritual panic buying to be staged in neighbourhood grocery shops.

By yesterday morning, however, nearly all the snow and slush had melted.

The snow emergency headquarters set up at City Hall sent out 50 vehicles, and they and 10 half-tracks sent by the army's Central Command opened main routes and dumped salt on steep streets. Regular bus service began on schedule.

Although there were a number of car accidents, no injuries were reported. The Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road was closed to traffic for several hours before dawn Friday until Public Works Department bulldozers opened the way.

Telephone calls to several government offices Friday morning to determine the extent of absenteeism drew no reply. Most downtown shops opened.

There were brief electricity breakdowns in both West and East Jerusalem Friday because of the weather and falling limbs.

Children were busy all over the city Friday building snowmen and generally cavoring. Municipal community workers helped organize the operation into a contest, and the winner was a mammoth King Ahasverosh and Queen Esther in ritual panic buying to be decided on later this week.

In Haifa, Friday was dry and sunny long enough to please the children in their Purim costumes, but yesterday was wet and windy much of the day.

The weather limited outdoor Purim festivities, but there was a traditional Purim party for soldiers at Haifa's Rambam Hospital, organized by Mr. Hinda Gurevitch. Mrs. Gurevitch had earlier given a Purim party for Christian and Druse soldiers at a base in the north.

On the Hermon, the weekend's heavy snowfall brought snow cover there to a thickness of one and a half metres at 1,600 metres' altitude and to 75 cm. on the side slopes. Winter-sports lovers were however turned away yesterday by roads made impassable and by visibility so low as to make skiing dangerous.

In Galilee and in the Jordan Valley rain was heavy yesterday.

## Sarkis calls for cease-fire in south

By ANAN SAFADI  
Post Middle East Affairs Editor

Lebanese President Elias Sarkis on the weekend asked that a cease-fire go into effect before dawn today in southern Lebanon.

The combatant Christian militias of an alliance combining the Lebanese Liberation Organization and Lebanese leftists reportedly agreed to a truce though neither side used any public statement to this effect.

The Lebanese head of state was said to be seeking to freeze the situation, pending results of his trip to Cairo today for talks with Arab leaders. An Afro-Arab summit opens tomorrow in Cairo.

Sarkis was reported to have proposed earlier that limited units in a predominantly Syrian Arab League peacekeeping force go into southern Lebanon under a UN designation while UN observers act as a buffer along Lebanon's border with Israel. The Lebanese leader had conferred with U.S. Ambassador Richard Parker in an apparent attempt to explore both American and Israeli reactions.

But Jerusalem, which had categorically opposed any non-Lebanese Arab military presence in southern Lebanon, reported having no information about the proposal.

The Lebanese leader has indicated that he is ultimately aiming at three targets — to impose a truce in the south, to get the PLO out of that region and to then dispatch a regrouped Lebanese force to police the border with Israel.

Imam Musa Sadr, leader of Lebanon's largest Moslem sect, the Shia, yesterday pledged full support for Sarkis' attempt to obtain a truce in the south. Sadr, whose community make up more than a quarter of Lebanon's three million population, said that continued fighting had forced some 120,000 local villagers to flee their homes. He said these refugees were currently living in woods and public squares in Beirut and other cities.

Another Moslem leader, former Premier Sa'eb Salam, said that the situation in southern Lebanon was becoming very explosive. He implied that Moslem factions who took no sides in Lebanon's 20-month warfare between the Christians and the PLO-leftist camp, may now reconsider their position. "The danger in southern Lebanon now is that Israel has occupied part of this territory, just as it occupied by force part of Egyptian and Syrian territory," Salam said.

The situation in southern Lebanon was expected to be high on the agenda of the conference by Arab leaders. The Arab leaders will hold their meeting later this week on the fringe of tomorrow's Afro-Arab first summit.

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Safed 100	4-7	8
Haifa Port 100	13-17	17
Tiberias 94	9-10	15
Nazareth 89	6-10	11
Afula 88	9-16	16
Shomron 100	6-10	11
Tel Aviv 72	9-16	17
B-G Airport 74	10-17	18
Jericho 81	10-21	22
Gaza 62	10-18	18
Beerseba 48	6-18	18
Eilat 31	9-22	22
Tiran Straits 34	10-21	21

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Meir Ben-Gur will replace Moshe Ron as secretary-general of the Federation of Israel Journalists. Federation chairman Daniel Bloch voiced appreciation of Ron's work at a meeting of the Federation executive on Friday.

## ARRIVALS

Ahuf (Res.) Ariel Sharon, from a speaking tour of the U.S. and Britain.

## Weather slows down fighting in S. Lebanon

By YORAM KAMERZAH

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — The bad weather over the weekend slowed down the fighting between the warring factions in South Lebanon, but Christian and leftist forces north of Metulla continued to exchange artillery salvos on Friday, and there was sporadic shooting in the area yesterday.

At least one wounded Christian civilian arrived at the Metulla "Good Fence" clinic but he was sent back to his village after treatment.

Some Christians told reporters here on Friday that the leftist forces have received a tank. The tank is deployed in the Beaufort castle area and causing great damage to Christian villages, they said.

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Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

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(Item)

## Ze'ava

after a long illness.

The funeral will leave from the Assuta hospital, 60 Rehov Jabotinsky, Tel Aviv, on Sunday, March 6 at 1.45 p.m. for the Holon cemetery.

Erwin Riegelhaupt Nahum Brandes and family

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The bereaved: his wife Sabina, Son Zvi (Henrik), Prima Weinlos, Grandchildren Gil and Ronit and all members of the family.

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"At first I thought it was a Purim prank," the 70-year-old Schwartz told police. He realised it wasn't when the three tied him up and relieved him of IL50,000 in cash and cheques.

(Item)

The convention's arrangements committee will meet today to add 20 members (of Oriental communities) to the new central committee, bringing its number to 516. The list of the new central committee members, which has been kept in a safe, may be published later in the day enabling a more precise estimate of the support Rabin and Peres may respectively expect there. (Last week Peres supporters expressed satisfaction as to the composition and a leading Rabin supporter said "they may be right.")

Rabin and Peres conferred separately with their party's secretary-general Meir Zarmi, on Thursday.

A source in the Defence Minister's camp said Zarmi hadn't yet found a way to bridge the differences between Peres' demand for equal power and Rabin's insistence there is no room for perpetuating the camps, since the leadership nomination had been decided.

The source also said Zarmi had proposed that the first 15 members on the Labour list to the Knesset be chosen by a special committee and that the next 30 be nominated by the central committee and the party regions. (Each would nominate 15 candidates and the order of priority for seats 16-45 will be worked out separately.)

Peres did not comment on Zarmi's proposal because he wanted to discuss it with his supporters, the source said. But it is inconceivable that the party regions would agree to this arrangement. They will demand a greater say, he predicted.

Continued at his kibbutz last night. Zarmi said: "I'm not confirming nor denying the report. Everybody is involved in speculations and I won't help them."

"When I present my proposal, you'll know...I'm working. It will be OK," he said.

A source usually close to Zarmi said yesterday he was not familiar with the proposals but, told of this report, he said: "They sold you old hat stuff. This came up in the subcommittee on party affairs last month."

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Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek clowns on the drums in the Jerusalem Theatre on Thursday night at a Purim carnival for the benefit of Shaare Zedek Hospital. Behind him, laughingly mounted on a horse, is the carnival's Queen Esther.

(Rahamim Israel)

## Rabin to U.S. today

(Continued from page one)

Washington, to Miami Beach, Florida, for an Israel Bonds dinner on Wednesday evening, and to New York City for various events on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. He then returns to Israel.

After his arrival today, he has scheduled private meetings with Ambassador Simcha Dinitz and his staff. Separate meetings are also scheduled with Defence Secretary Harold Brown, Energy chief James Schlesinger, Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal, leading Senators and Representatives and others.

In keeping in line with Carter's reduction in expensive trips for foreign visitors, the President will not hold an official welcoming ceremony for Rabin at either Andrews Air Force Base or at the White House. Rabin's stay is billed as "an official working visit," not a "state visit," which would have entitled him to all the ceremonial honours.

Presumably, the Arab leaders scheduled to arrive next month and in May — including Egypt's Sadat, Jordan's King Hussein and Saudi Prince Fahd — will receive the same type of treatment. Carter sees Syrian President Assad in Europe in May.

This will be Carter's first meeting with a Middle East leader since taking office on January 20.

## Song Festival

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The first prize in the Israel Song Festival last night went to "Rakefet" (Cyclamen) composed by Muni Amarillo with lyrics by Talma Elyagron, and sung by Ruhama.

Second place in the festival, held under the auspices of the Israel Broadcasting Authority in Binyanei Ha'Ooma in Jerusalem, was "Pitom Nafal Alai Aviv" (Suddenly Spring Came upon Me) sung by the Ahim Va'hayot. Third place was won by "Ocha" (You) sung by Dana Avital.

The audience last night heard also the world premiere performance of Israel's entry for the Eurovision Song Contest next month, "Love is a Song for Two," sung by Hanit.

## Bridge/ George Levinrew

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# Last-minute try to stop universities strike

Jerusalem Post Staff

Faculty representatives and university administrations were meeting last night in a last-minute effort to avert a strike that would idle all faculty members from teaching assistant up as of this morning.

The meeting was scheduled after fruitless negotiations on Thursday at which faculty members had stiffened their stand. The university teachers say the administrations have failed to carry out an agreement which the latter and the Finance Ministry, which subsidizes the institutions, had earlier initiated.

After Thursday's meeting, the faculty negotiators said they would raise demands put aside when the draft agreement was initiated. Presumably, these would include demands to better the situation of junior faculty members.

In another development, the country's occupational therapists decided on Friday to postpone the warning strike they had set for tomorrow. But the physiotherapists decided to go through with their warning strike beginning today.

The occupational therapists' representative, Mrs. Ruth Albagall, said her group had postponed action after the employers' side agreed to negotiate on granting them a rise like that granted to other paramedical workers. Negotiations will begin on Tuesday, she said, and should end by the end of the month.

The physiotherapists were, however, standing by their demand that the size of their rise be fixed immediately. They are to stop work for three days.

Manufacturers Association representative Dov Lautman, speaking on Israel Radio over the weekend, warned that any rise would slow down the economy and possibly produce unemployment.

The production workers had already received various rises, he said. Lautman's words were echoed by former Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Sarbar. Sarbar added that to reopen labour agreements that were already signed was a grave step that

would damage the government's credibility.

Histadrut trades-union department head Uriel Abrahamowicz, speaking on the same programme as Lautman, said the Histadrut was very interested in maintaining employment and very loath to take any step that would lead to unemployment.

But Textile Workers Union head Tel Egey said production workers were not talking about reopening agreements but of being compensated for losses granted to service workers. "We're not asking anything special; we just think the industry can absorb the rise we want," he said.

The current unrest among the industrial workers over the gains made recently by administrative personnel was enhanced last week by the secretary of the Military Industries workers, who in a letter to the Defence establishment asked for a revision of his members' salary schemes.

Meanwhile, it was announced Friday that the steelworkers at Ashdod Port have signed a labour contract assuring them of a wage increase of six per cent this year and three per cent next year. Transferred higher grades will be made equivalent to those of the regular workers.

A similar agreement was signed recently with the Hakoamim steelworkers.

On Friday the workers at the Haifa area's Vulcan Foundries voted to end their strike and return to work. The Foundries' parent company Koor Industries, announced.

Koor said workers in the Foundries' bathhouse department — cause of the strike — would be four work in other sections and that the bathhouse would be closed down.

planned. The country was aware of the unsold bathhouse, the Koor spokesman indicated.

In Netanya, however, 120 post-technicians went on strike on Friday after being notified by management that they would be suspended if they did not return to normal work. The technicians had been on a selective slowdown for several weeks.

## Fuss in UK over submarine training for Israelis

By MARK SEGAL, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

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LONDON. — A campaign against defence ties between Britain and Israel appeared to be growing over the weekend in the wake of last Wednesday's traffic accident in Scotland in which two members of the Israel Defence Forces were killed.

The press reported that the dead and two others, who were seriously injured, were in Argyle for a submarine training programme. Israel is an old customer of the British shipyards for submarines, the report pointed out.

The Israel Embassy here explained that it is policy not to talk about arms purchases or about training programmes.

However, the "Guardian" spoke about a "mysterious affair" describing the accident and linking the men to a nearby Nato base. The embassy denied this story.

Anti-Israel commentators on BBC and reporters in the "Guardian" and other newspapers were of possible Arab sanctions. The Israeli lobby in Parliament, the Israel lobby in the House of Commons, and other groups have been informed by the Israeli Embassy of the training programme first disclosed in 1972, and when Arab League protested, the British told them that too were welcome to play submarine and other weapons.

The bodies of the two killed are being returned to Israel.

## Fires gut two T.A. factories

TEL AVIV. — Fires gutted two factories in Tel Aviv on Friday night and police think that one of the fires was the work of arsonists.

The first fire broke out in a textile factory at Rehov Hashavim in Tel Aviv. Firemen, who arrived on the scene with six fire engines, managed to stop the fire from spreading to other factories in the area, and doused

ed the blaze in an hour and a half.

The second fire broke out in Techno-Crystal glass works Rehov Ben-Shimon in Tel Aviv. More than IL1m. worth of glass was caused by the fire. Fire Brigade experts found a jerry-rigged inflammable liquid near the fire. There were other signs that the had been started by arsonists.

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## Jackson amendment will be reviewed

By WOLF BLITZER, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Carter Administration plans "to discuss and work out" with Congress the matter of the Jackson-Vanik "freedom of emigration" amendment during the months ahead, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said on Friday.

At a State Department news conference, the Secretary was asked specifically whether the Administration favours the repeal of the amendment, which bars the extension of most-favoured-nation trade status and other trade benefits to the Soviet Union without a prior liberalization of Soviet emigration policies.

"The question of trade is certainly one of the underpinnings of the détente that has developed with the Soviet Union and the U.S.," Vance answered. "This will be a continuing underpinning of that relationship, and I hope the trade between our two countries will continue to grow and flourish."

"Now, insofar as the Jackson-Vanik amendment itself is concerned, this is a matter which we will have to discuss and work out with the Congress. We plan to do this over the months ahead, and when we have something specific to say on how we intend to proceed on that, I will make a statement."

Vance travels to Moscow later this month for talks with Kremlin leaders, and it is widely believed here that emigration and trade will

be discussed. State Department officials are known to be drafting position papers on this issue.

Well-placed observers here presume the Administration will wait to see the outcome of the Moscow talks before asking Congress to consider revising the Jackson-Vanik amendment.

Since the amendment was signed into law in 1974, the Soviets have cut back sharply on emigration visas for Jews and others. In 1973, some 35,000 Soviet Jews were allowed to emigrate; last year, the figure went down to about 12,000.

### Soviets arrest aliya activist Yosef Begun

MOSCOW. — Aliya activist Yosef Begun, who has been trying for five years to be allowed to leave for Israel, was arrested here on Thursday. Jewish sources reported over the weekend. The sources said they feared the Soviets were planning to try him for "lacking a regular job."

The 46-year-old Moscow philologist, who has been denied work since he first applied to emigrate, was taken in for questioning on Tuesday and then released. This happened when he attempted to enter the U.S. embassy to present documents about a symposium on Jewish culture that was held here in December.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Four Israelis held in Dutch bank raid

AMSTERDAM. — Four young Israelis and one Egyptian have been detained for questioning about a bank raid four weeks ago, a police spokesman said on Friday.

The spokesman declined to name them.

In the raid on the bank in the Amsterdam suburb of IJzorp on February 1, three men got away with 130,000 guilders (about IL450,000).

### Women's party seeks 'paternity leave'

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Husbands should be eligible for maternity leave instead of their wives, if the couple so desires, MK Marcia Freedman's new Women's Party recommends.

The party's programme, released last week, also calls for more funds for research and development of birth control methods for men and women; a public committee to assure that the media do not degrade women through use of "pornographic symbols"; special police units, staffed by women, to handle victims of rape and maltreatment by husbands; and declaration of housekeeping as a profession.

### Yosef warns against meditation and gurus

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef has warned Jews against being drawn to meditation or guru worship because they are "essentially idolatry."

In a release, the Chief Rabbi declared that "thousands of naive Jews have been attracted to foreign beliefs that are diametrically opposed to faith in the holy Torah. Meditation and the worship of gurus, he said, include in their ritual pagan worship and offerings."

Parents should take care that their children do not "make any contact" with missionaries for such beliefs, he said.

### Butcher held as part of meat-theft gang

TEL AVIV. — A local butcher, suspected of being part of a gang that steals frozen meat from warehouses, was remanded by the Magistrate's Court here for seven days last week.

The police said they believe the suspect, Yosef Recht, was part of the gang which has stolen meat worth more than IL1m. in the past year, and sold it cheaply to butcher shops. They said they have information showing the gang had engaged in diamond thefts previously.

Another suspect in the same case, Yehoshua Klahuk, was released on IL40,000 bail after being held for seven days.

### Soldier held for extortion

TEL AVIV. — A soldier in regular army service was arrested on Friday on suspicion of extorting IL8,000 from the owner of a Tel Aviv textile shop.

The soldier, a Ra'anana resident married with two children, allegedly telephoned the shop's owner and demanded that he be paid IL8,000. If the money was not handed over, he threatened to throw a hand grenade in the shop's window.

The shop owner contacted the police who told him to arrange a meeting with the soldier while they prepared an ambush. The shop owner arranged the meeting, and prepared a packet with IL400. The two men and police waiting nearby arrested the soldier after he received the money.

### Air France man is allowed to leave country

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — The former manager of the Israel branch of Air France, Pierre Leon, who was suspected of foreign currency violations, has been allowed to leave the country after settling with the Treasury out of court.

Leon paid a "monetary composition" which is provided for in the law in lieu of prosecution. The sum was not disclosed.

Leon had been suspected of trying to sell \$38,000 on the Tel Aviv black market and of possession of another \$12,000. He was interrogated last September, but no indictment was ever filed.

It was learned that high-level contacts between France and Israel led the Treasury to settle for a "monetary composition."

Leon left Israel last week after his replacement, Michel Poliakoff, arrived.



Christian dignitaries from south Lebanon crossing into Israel at Dovev on Friday on their way to deliver a message for transmission to the Pope.

## Lebanese visit Jerusalem to appeal for Pope's aid

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A delegation of Lebanese notables on Friday handed the Apostolic delegate in Jerusalem a letter for Pope Paul VI appealing for urgent help to stop the bloodshed between Christians and Muslims in South Lebanon.

The 17-strong delegation, who crossed back into Lebanon the same day, said they had come to Jerusalem because the hostilities made civilian travel between Beirut and south Lebanon impossible. They had explained this to the Pope's representative, they said, when he told them he had scant knowledge of what was going on in south Lebanon and that he had been under the impression the papal representative in Beirut was seeing to the situation there.

The delegation, which included a mayor, agreed to make a brief statement on Friday just before returning to Lebanon via the Good Fence station at Dovev. This said:

"We who represent all the population of south Lebanon came here because of the distressing conditions there. We gave an account of them to

the Government of Israel and to the representatives of the Vatican, France and Belgium.

"We asked them to transmit our appeal to the whole world and to all men of conscience and to work for peace in south Lebanon, to silence the voices of artillery and machineguns which had not been heard in our area even during the civil war in central Lebanon."

"We also appealed for urgent help such as food and medical supplies. 'We were encouraged by promises of help and hope that they will be fulfilled soon,' the Lebanese said."

On Friday, another group of Lebanese, 42 teachers and nuns from Rmelch, arrived via Dovev for a two-day visit to Jerusalem and Bethlehem. They reported that quiet had prevailed on Thursday and Friday, "presumably because of the weather." But some of the villagers at Rmelch and nearby Debel had been wounded by shelling from PLO terrorist positions in Bint Jhall, which had wrecked some houses.

A 12-year-old boy had been rushed to hospital in Israel in serious condition, they said.

## UK won't act on boycott

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — There is little prospect of any change in the present attitude of the British government towards the Arab boycott. This emerges from ministerial statements on the boycott.

Trade Secretary Edmund Dell told a Labour Friends of Israel delegation that firms should act in keeping with their commercial interests. He reaffirmed the British line of non-interference by the government. The delegation had asked the government to emulate the U.S. anti-boycott stand, and asked them to stop the Foreign Office from authorizing negative certificates of origin.

One member noted that Libya had bought Israeli irrigation equipment via a second party, and that the Soviet Union trades with Israel via West Germany. He said these were examples of how pragmatic these countries can be if their interests so require.

The delegation wanted the government not just to deplore the boycott but to condemn it and act against it. There was little new in the House of Commons statement by Foreign Secretary David Owen, who said he firmly opposed the boycott.

"I have made that categorically clear and I do so again at this time in my capacity as Foreign Secretary," he said. He was replying to Malcolm Rifkind who urged a joint initiative with Britain's allies to protect European businessmen from improper Arab boycott pressures.

Owen said he would welcome discussions with the U.S. administration about their new measures dealing with the boycott.

Eric Moonman, who has described as "disgraceful" a letter he got from the Trade Secretary regarding the government's stand on the boycott. Dell recapitulated the government's non-interference policy, which Moonman said was "cowardly," urging that the Jewish community launch a campaign to change it.

## First international jewelry show opens at Jerusalem Hilton today

By JOANNA YEHIEL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Top security — from Brinks to police to the Jerusalem Hilton's own security officers — has been laid on for the first Jerusalem Jewelry and Arts and Crafts Fair, which opens at the hotel this morning with several million pounds worth of gold, silver and precious stones on show.

The hotel has put aside over 1,000 square metres in its ballroom and the adjacent foyer, for the cream of Israel's artisans to show their wares. Of the 104 companies exhibiting — all of them able to handle major export orders — some 70 per cent are jewellers. The others will be showing Jewish ceremonial art, ceramics, handpainted glass, olive wood carvings and baklava.

Foreign buyers started arriving at the Hilton last night, and 100 rooms have been put aside for them. More buyers are due this morning; and although the fair opens today, the official opening ceremony with Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev will be tomorrow.

The U.S., with 50 buyers led by Helene Fortunoff of Fortunoff's Stores, New York, will have the largest contingent at the event. The 100 other foreign buyers will come

from places as far apart as Canada, Sweden, Greece, Singapore and Thailand. The organizers say some of them are businessmen interested in investment and sub-contracting arrangements with Israeli manufacturers.

The fair, which runs until Friday, is not open to the general public. During the week Finance Minister Rabinowitz, Mrs. Ruth Dayan (the founder of Maskit), and Moshe Shnitzer, president of the Diamond Exchange, will be guests of honour at related business-lunches. A farewell banquet on Thursday night will be held at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'Oma. Meanwhile, buyers will be able to visit factories, showrooms and studios of artists and jewellers.

The Week is being organized by the Jerusalem Economic Conference, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and the Arts and Crafts Centre of the Export Institute. It reportedly comes in response to overseas requests for a centralized showing of Israel's products. (The Jerusalem Post will have a special feature page devoted to jewelry and arts and crafts tomorrow.)

## Seoul denies T.A. firm in reactor sale

OTTAWA. — Top officials of Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. said on Thursday that they are mystified by reports from South Korea denying that Seoul had used Israeli businessman Shaul Eisenberg as agent for the purchase of a Canadian nuclear reactor.

Canada's government-owned nuclear company, embroiled in a controversy over lack of adequate documents for payments to agents involved in reactor sales, has already paid \$15.4m to United Development Inc. of Tel Aviv for helping sell the reactor to South Korea. Eisenberg is president of United.

News that Sung Naek Chung, a vice-president of the Korean Electric Co., said "No agents were necessary, no agents were used" in the sale drew denials and some confusion in the Atomic Energy of Canada export offices.

"It is astounding," said Ross Campbell, chairman of the government agency. Although he had only been at the company for little more than a year, he had checked and found reports of many joint meetings among the agency, Korean Electric and United.

John Foster, president of the agency since 1975, said he recalled in particular a meeting he attended in 1974, at the Korean Electric offices in Seoul when he was a vice-president. That meeting had included representatives of the agent.

Campbell also disputed statements by Chung that AREC had no competition in making the sale to Korea.

He said the government company faced stiff competition for the sale from Westinghouse Electric and General Electric of the U.S. as well as Siemens of West Germany. (AP)

## Journalist's facts right, but story misled, panel rules

TEL AVIV. — The Press Council has cleared "Davar" journalist Aaron Geva of the charges laid against him by Ehud Olmert M.E. who had complained of distortions in a report Geva had written about a housing loan the late Housing Minister Avraham Ofer had authorized for Olmert.

But the council found that Geva had transgressed the council's code of ethics in that his report gave the erroneous impression that Olmert enjoyed a "special relationship" with Ofer.

In its ruling issued on Friday, the council found that Geva's claim that Olmert had received two loans totaling IL90,000 from the Housing

Ministry was true. The first loan was an ordinary housing loan which Olmert received as all young couples are entitled to. The second loan was a "home improvement" loan. Since the Ministry does not usually approve both such loans to the same person, Ministry officials left the decision to Ofer who gave his approval. The council also found that Geva's claim that Olmert had broken his contract with Shikun Ovdim by leasing the flat he bought with a Ministry loan was true. The council stressed that Geva has misled his readers in implying that Olmert had a special relationship with Ofer — a relationship which did not exist. (Hing)

## 13 years for wounding postal agent in robbery

TEL AVIV. — A drug addict who shot a postal sub-agent here in the face on his second attempt to rob him was sentenced on Friday to 13 years in prison. In sentencing 34-year-old Shabtai Levi the three-judge District Court panel said they could see no other way to protect the public from him.

Levi first tried to rob the Yad Eilahu quarter sub-agent run by Mordechai and Rina Millender in late September of last year. On that occasion he waved about a revolver

but the couple managed to push him out.

One morning a month later he returned and found Mordechai Millender alone. He again whipped out the gun and demanded money. When Millender refused, Levi shot him in the face.

Levi's attorney claimed in his defence that he had only wished to frighten the postal agent. The judges noted that a toy revolver would have served had that been Levi's only purpose. (Him)

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## Six black votes give Smith narrow victory

SALISBURY. — Prime Minister Ian Smith on Friday defeated rebels in his Rhodesian Front Party and won parliamentary approval for his plan to give blacks a bigger share of the white-ruled country.

It was a narrow victory — Smith scraped through with the minimum 44 votes required to pass the land tenure amendment bill — but political sources said it had greatly strengthened his position as leader of the breakaway British colony.

The government survived the vote only with the aid of six black votes. Three black deputy ministers and three back-benchers joined government ranks when the House of Assembly divided.

Twelve members of the Rhodesian Front voted against the measure which they said threatened white security. The remaining 10 black members of Parliament did not vote; they walked out before the division bells rang.

The issue which divided the Rhodesian Front more deeply than at any time in its 15 years in power was Smith's planned changes in the land tenure act which divides Rhodesia equally between 270,000 whites and six million blacks.

The amendment to the act meant that whites would henceforth exclusively own or occupy less than one half of one per cent of Rhodesia's

39 million hectares. The 12 rebels, including Deputy Minister Ted Sutton-Pryce, walked out of a parliamentary party meeting earlier last week in protest against the scheme, which they said would only whet the Nationalists' appetite for more concessions.

But Smith pressed on with his plan, designed to attract local black leaders into negotiations on the future of Rhodesia — talks that would exclude Nationalist chiefs leading externally-based guerrilla forces fighting for majority rule.

Smith needed a two-thirds majority in the 86-member House of Assembly to pass the bill.

For a time it looked as if he could not get it. But the government embarked on a furious round of lobbying among black and white MPs. Two Rhodesian Front MPs, conversing from heart attacks were brought to the chamber for the vote; one of them came in a wheelchair.

Security forces, meanwhile, announced on Friday that four black nationalist guerrillas and a black police detective had been killed in clashes since Thursday. A security force headquarters communiqué also said the southeastern Rhodesian military police post of Vila Salazar had come under rocket and mortar attack from Mozambique for about the 20th time this year. (AP)



With this picture, entitled "Distress in Lebanon," Françoise Demulier of the French agency Gamma won the overall prize of the annual World Press Photo Contest last week. The photo was published in The Jerusalem Post Weekend Magazine on December 31, last. This is the first time that a woman has won the premier award.

## Banks set tough conditions to help New York pay debts

NEW YORK. — Major banks on Friday proposed appointing a financial overseer with sweeping powers for New York City's budget as one of nine conditions for cooperation in raising the nearly \$1b. needed to pay the city's short-term debts.

The city will have to settle these debts before it can borrow the \$250m. it needs to pay its bills this month and avert bankruptcy this week.

New York "may face insolvency" without the money, Mayor Abraham Beame said, while promising not to "mortgage our sovereignty."

The nub of the banks' proposal was that the review board, to be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the New York State Senate, would have to certify that the city's budget was balanced properly before allowing it to borrow more money.

According to the bank's conditions a city official caught wilfully defying the review board's wishes could be held criminally responsible for his actions.

"It flies in the face of the democratic processes upon which

our nation and our concepts of home rule are based," Beame angrily said after a Friday night meeting of bankers, city officials and labour union leaders.

But the banks did not demand a veto over city labour contracts, as municipal unions had feared.

The unions, whose pension funds have been large city creditors, have objected to any overseer with power to dictate New York's financial arrangements. They fear this could weaken their power to win pay rises.

To impress upon the city the weight of their objections, the union pension funds last week refused to lend New York \$200m. that would have paid this week's bills, including the salaries for policemen, firemen and sanitation men. (Reuters, AP)

STICKY. — Workers are cleaning up four million litres of molasses that spilled out over two acres of warehouses, streets and marshland in Lake Alfred, Florida, after a storage tank at a fruit processing plant ruptured last week.

## Spain legalizes strikes, promises limited amnesty

MADRID. — The Spanish Government yesterday granted workers the right to strike and promised that an amnesty would soon be proclaimed — two moves aimed at normalizing the political situation before this year's promised general elections.

By granting the right to strike for the first time since the end of the 1936-1939 Spanish Civil War, the Government appeared to be seeking the support of the still illegal left-wing trade unions for a planned set of austerity measures that could include wage restraints.

The other important measure agreed on during Friday night's government meeting was that the terms of an amnesty for political crimes would be announced after this week's cabinet session.

It seems highly unlikely, however, that King Juan Carlos will grant a general political amnesty, since this would cover the 100 or more extreme left-wingers held in connection with the recent killings of policemen and the kidnapping of the senior officials. (Reuters)

## USSR dashes hope for A-bomb ban

GENEVA. — President Jimmy Carter's goal of a prompt agreement to end all nuclear testing, underground as well as in the atmosphere, has been effectively checked, if not checkmated, by the Soviet Union.

At the UN Disarmament Committee, which is nearing the end of its fifteenth year of deliberations here at the Palais des Nations, the Russians have jumped the gun on the U.S. and already tabled a draft text of a treaty to ban nuclear testing completely. But it includes one proviso which makes it virtually certain that it will never take effect.

The Russian proposal simply requires the treaty to be signed and ratified "by the governments of all nuclear weapons states" — which means France and China in addition to the U.S., Russia and Britain. The chances of either the French or the Chinese joining any test-ban agreement are so remote that this is tantamount to killing off the idea completely.

The U.S. delegation at the disarmament talks has not yet attempted to sound out the Russians to see whether there is likely to be any give or readiness to go along on a total test ban without the French and the Chinese. But the chances seem remote. In any case, Western delegates at the talks have felt for a long time that the Russians have only been interested in getting as much propaganda and political mileage as possible out of espousing a total test ban, but would always try to find some way of avoiding it ever really happening.

For years here in Geneva they have regularly made speeches accusing the U.S. of blocking progress on a total test ban by insisting first on establishing independent seismic and inspection stations in each other's territory, and then a long-held American demand for on-site inspection of suspected violations of such a treaty.

Gradually, with the improvement in seismic technology, these past American positions have been modified or dropped. But the Russians have always enjoyed a kind of free ride in portraying the U.S. as the obstructionist power, which is only using technical excuses

By DON COOK  
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to avoid a test ban treaty so that it can go on improving its nuclear arsenal.

But with Carter's press interview a few days after moving into the White House, in which he declared his goal to be "elimination of the testing of all nuclear devices, instantly and completely," the shoe was on the other foot. The distinct possibility of a clean, simple, unnumbered total test ban proposal from the new American Administration would require the Soviet Union to put up or shut up. But a new blocking device was readily at hand for the Russians in the form of France and China.

Carter in his interview indicated that he was prepared to go ahead with Russia and Britain alone on a total test ban — as President Kennedy had done in April, 1963, with the first partial test ban treaty on explosions in the atmosphere. He would, he said, attempt to win French and Chinese cooperation in a nuclear disarmament effort as a further step, after agreement with the Russians and the British. But this clearly is not the way the Russians are prepared to approach the test ban question.

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    - Taking the driving test at a licensing office: 17½ years and above.
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## Amin's torturer stages gladiatorial fights

NAIROBI. — Ugandan refugees flooding across the border into Kenya said on Friday that security men of President Idi Amin's military regime have death lists and are hunting down and killing persons whose names are on them.

They said Amin was continuing a bloody purge of Christian tribes in his troubled East African nation. They said Amin's purge of Acholi and Langi tribesmen and other Christians involved widespread killings and arrests.

Refugees arriving here by road said Amin's security men are searching offices to track down Langi and Acholi civil servants. Most offices in the Ugandan capital, Kampala, are deserted, they said.

One refugee said he had been told by a Nubian in Kampala how he had been mistaken for an Acholi and taken to a torture chamber in the basement of Nakasero Prison in Kampala.

The man responsible for the killing, identified only as Hassan, used a hammer, panga, or axe, depending on his mood.

Said the refugee: "When he is happy, he uses a hammer. This gives the victim quick release. When he is unhappy, he calls in two prisoners and turns one with a panga and the other with the axe. They are then made to fight to the death, with the victor being promised his freedom. When the fight is over, Hassan brings in another prisoner and stages another fight."

One refugee said the body of the Entebbe district commissioner, Uta Abal, was found floating in Lake Victoria last Tuesday. "When the military police were informed,

they tied a heavy stone to the body to make sure it stayed submerged."

Other refugees reported that Entebbe Airport had been placed under tight military guard. Unauthorized civilians were not allowed to go near the airport and soldiers had dug trenches around the perimeter, they said.

Uganda Radio, monitored here, quoted Amin as calling upon the armed forces to continue training hard so that in the event of any invasion, they would be able to repel the attackers, "whether white or black."

Meanwhile at the UN on Friday, an American Protestant mission agency and an international human rights group criticized the UN Commission on Human Rights for refusing to investigate the charges of atrocities in Uganda.

The United Church Board for World Ministries, mission agency of the 1.8-million-member United Church of Christ, in a letter to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, accused the commission of "calculatedly walking away from a flagrant violation of human rights, the mass murder of Christians and others in Uganda."

The letter urged Waldheim "to do everything possible to ensure that the Ugandan situation is investigated thoroughly and acted upon with courage and integrity by the UN."

Waldheim himself has asked three times, without result, that Amin permit an impartial international investigation of the situation.

The International League for Human Rights asked the commission and the Organization of African Unity to act against "mass killings in Uganda."

## Germans arrest two Palestinians

MUNICH. — Two Palestinians have been arrested on suspicion of belonging to a group planning terror attacks in West Germany, the chief prosecutor of Bavaria's supreme court said on Friday.

Dr. Hermann Stuenkel said the men were picked up three days ago in a police raid on a camp at Amberg near Nuremberg, which houses foreigners seeking asylum in West Germany.

Police described the men, in their early 20s, as Palestinians carrying Lebanese passports. Two other Palestinians detained with them were released.

Stuenkel said no weapons were found during the raid, carried out by 120 police officers. He gave no further details and said the results of future investigations would be treated confidentially for security reasons. (Reuters)

## Nun not guilty of killing baby son

ROCHESTER, New York. — A nun was found not guilty on Friday of murdering her newborn son.

Sister Maureen Murphy, 37, was accused of smothering the baby, Our Lady of Lourdes Convent near here last April.

Judge Hyman Maas did not comment on his verdict delivered after a three-week trial without a jury. A doctor testified that Sister Maureen discovered unconscious in the convent lying in a pool of blood had adequate control of her faculties at the time. (Reuters)

## Vance to visit China

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said on Friday that he plans to visit Peking this year for his first direct contact with the Chinese leaders.

Asked about possible military aid to Peking, he told a press conference: "At this point, there is thought of any military aid to China, but the whole question of economic relations is one which would plan to take up at the time of the visit." (Reuters)

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# Africans want petrodollars

FOREIGN MINISTERS from 60 African and Arab states met over the weekend in Cairo to forge closer cooperation between the two blocs. The ministers have been preparing

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in agenda for the first Afro-Arab summit conference, scheduled to be held in the Egyptian capital next month. Almost half of the heads of state on both sides reported their interest in attending the parley in person.

Although many observers did not underestimate the significance of the Cairo gathering, most agreed that there was as yet no meaning in the conference between the two blocs beyond another demonstration of solidarity. They have already been cooperating in various world forums, especially the U.N.

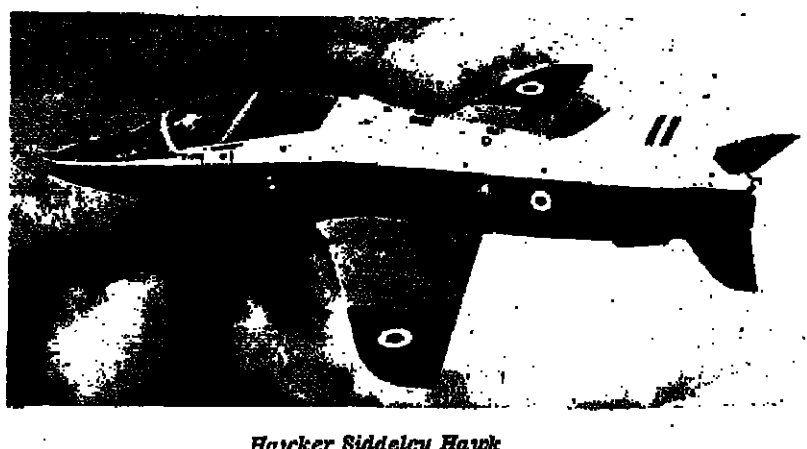
Both sides have indicated agreement over a political programme, presumably the summit conference will endorse the Dakar formula, which condemns colonialism, apartheid and Zionism and pledges joint support for Arab and African "liberation" aspirations. The message is more than clear.

Arab-African cooperation gained strength after the Yom Kippur War when 29 African states broke relations with Israel in the course of what now appears to have been a real involving African political support in return for Arab petrodollars.

Arab League Assistant Secretary General Sayed Mubarek recently pointed out that the Arab states were not worried by Premier Yitzhak Rabin's attempts to restore relations with the Africans. "There is an African commitment," he said, "not to restore relations with Israel until Israel withdraws from the occupied Arab lands and the establishment of a Palestinian state" on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The price of the alleged commitment was never disclosed. However, Tanzania is reported to be planning to submit to the Cairo Afro-Arab summit a proposal urging oil-rich Arab states to provide Africans with two special funds: a \$2 billion assistance grant to be deposited with the Khartoum-based Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa; and a \$200 million grant to beef up the resources of the African Development Bank at Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

The impact of the Cairo conference appears to be dependent on whether the Egyptian proposal will be passed. Yet it is doubtful whether it would be carried out even if it were approved. For on the fringe of the Afro-Arab gathering, the Arabs are planning to hold a summit between the anti-Israel confrontation states and their financial backers to discuss the failure of the oil-rich countries to meet their pledged subsidies of \$382.5m. to Egypt and Syria and \$174.5m. to Jordan — all "frontline" Arab states.



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# 'Arabs may soon tip power balance'

LONDON LETTER / Mark Segal

LONDON. — By 1979 the Arabs will have tipped the Middle East balance of power in their favour, and "it would be possible to recreate the military situation that cost Israel so dearly in 1973" — according to the latest issue of "The Middle East," the pro-Arab magazine published here.

The magazine argues that if Israel "refuses to negotiate, another military lesson along the lines of 1973 must be provided to show it the folly and the cost of its refusal." It says that Israel's readiness for concessions now reflects a knowledge of the future military challenge, noting that "by 1979, the forces of Libya, Iraq and Saudi Arabia will amount to 3,000 modern medium tanks and 780 combat aircraft — or a 70 per cent increase in Arab front-line strength."

The magazine also holds that the Syrian position in Lebanon "by then could become a strategic asset instead of the net disadvantage it represents at present." "The Middle East" writes at length about Israel's "nuclear options," but believes that "a war with strictly limited objectives — seizing some ground, inflicting heavy casualties and jolting the Israel government and the super-powers, is possible."

Its analysis shows that Israel still holds air superiority, with Egypt's air force about 140 aircraft weaker than in 1973 — with 438 combat planes. Its major acquisitions since 1973 are 80 Mig-23s and 25 SU-20s. The Egyptian army has had few replacements of its tank losses, with its armour assessed by the magazine at 400 fewer than the 1,950 published mark. Referring to Egyptian problems with spare parts, it notes that Mig pilots now only get eight flying hours a month.

"The Middle East" notes that while Syria's army has been rebuilt, it suffers from being split between Lebanon and the Golan Heights. The magazine claims that Israel's power "has forged ahead, benefiting from captured Russian tanks and large U.S. deliveries of 1,000 extra tanks, over 1973 levels... The technological gap has opened up since 1973 with large American deliveries... The Israel Air Force has made good its losses of 100 aircraft, replaced 60 more and retired older models. It now has 550 first-line combat aircraft, with an additional 60 on order (including 25 F-15s), and is negotiating for 250 F-35s.

The magazine notes that while Israel has plenty of pilots for its planes and spare crews for its tanks, the Syrians cannot man all their equipment.

In absolute terms, Egypt, Syria and Jordan have 4,500 tanks against Israel's 2,700, the report claimed. Almost 1,000 combat aircraft face 550 for Israel.

"The Middle East" also reports, in an interview with Wolfgang Mallmann, of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London, that while Israel still has air supremacy, "Saudi Arabia is nearly on the same level as Israel as regards weapons quality, but it does not have the experience or the expertise to maintain and handle its equipment."

Mallmann does believe an Arab arms industry could be a viable proposition and could get manufacturing licences from France and Britain. He recommends the Hawker Siddeley Hawk jet to the more advanced Mirage. He remarked on how Egypt was now seeking to refit some Osar and Komar patrol boats with Italian Otomat missiles, replacing the Soviet Styx.

Mallmann also mentioned that in 1974 "the Arab states and Israel tacitly agreed to use missiles on each other's cities."

Mallmann said this when speaking of Israel's destructive weaponry, such as fuel air explosives. He also speaks of the fifth Arab-Israeli war being an electronic war. "The new decisive elements would be drones, remotely piloted vehicles and jamming equipment against radar and heat-seeking infra-red systems," he said.

Evolving his own scenario, the strategic expert said: "I don't think the sea will play a great role, the flashpoints will always be the Golan Heights, the Suez Canal and the Mt. Lebanon Pass. A future war might be a repetition of 1967 and 1973: i.e. air forces and tanks will have the major role."

In addition, Mallmann is convinced, "another war broke out that the USSR will 'definitely rush in' to support... to maintain its prestige in the Arab world and its position in Syria and Iraq. Both super-powers will have to step in. If it's a very high attrition-type of war, the need for quick replacements would start at a very early stage."

DJIBOUTI, which sits on the Horn of Africa near the straits of Bab el-Mandeb "Gate of Tears," served as a perfect target for the vitriolic pen of Evelyn Waugh: it is an eyesore town at the edge of volcanic desolation; a torrid, miserable spot which was "colour feature" news in the 1930s, when correspondents like Waugh arrived there on their way to cover the Italian-Ethiopian war.

But by the end of this year, the capital of the Territory of the Afars and Issas (the two tribes which share the 22,000 sq. kms. area) will probably attract a whole new generation of war correspondents — to cover the struggle for control of the Red Sea.

Djibouti, the last French colony in Africa, is to become independent in a few months; and although the French plan to maintain a military presence there, the prospects for the tiny nation of 250,000 are dismal: the Territory's two contentions neighbours, Ethiopia and Somalia, may go to war over control of the strategic area and there are serious implications for Russia and the U.S., as well as for Israel, Egypt, Syria, Sudan and Saudi Arabia have called for complete Arab hegemony over the Red Sea, thus lining themselves up against Ethiopia. Presidents Sadat, Assad and Numeiry met last week in Khartoum, and decided to step up Arab efforts to dismember Ethiopia, which is surrounded by hostile Moslem neighbours.

The Arabs have accused Ethiopia of granting Israel air and naval bases on the Horn overlooking Bab el-Mandeb, which the Egyptians blockaded in the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia has called for a unified Arab strategy concerning the vital straits.

The beleaguered regime in Addis Ababa charged that the Khartoum summit represented serious interference in Ethiopia's internal affairs, and a challenge to its sovereignty over its Red Sea coast.

ACCORDING to several observers, Ethiopia's accelerating disintegration is encouraging the hostile forces along her borders; and the centuries-old conflict between Islam and Christianity in Africa could come to a head there. For despite the Marxist-Marxist rhetoric of the revolutionary leaders in Addis Ababa, Ethiopians are still Christian-orientated.

The country is plagued by serious internal rebellions in most of its provinces. Right-wing "feudalists," survivors of the old aristocracy, head private armies which raid towns and villages, digging up air-

# War clouds over 'Gate of Tears'

By Louis Rapoport



fields in strategic areas. Left-wing "anarchists" (the classic communist pejorative for opponents on the left) assassinate government officials in Addis. And the ruling military junta, the Dergue, has been reduced from 120 members to less than 60 — only a small part of the toll in a bloodbath-climate of coups, counter-coups and mass executions.

The situation conjures up images of the chaos in 19th-century Ethiopia, under the mad Emperor Theodore II; Russia immediately after the Revolution; or China in the days of the war lords. It is chaos in Ethiopia, one of the least-known, proudest, poorest and most brutal of countries.

ETHIOPIA'S Red Sea ports of Massawa and Assab are just about lost to the central government — they are surrounded by the Eritrean

rebel forces. So Djibouti's value has soared — and the port now handles about 80 per cent of Ethiopia's imports and exports. The country's single railroad line links Addis Ababa with Djibouti and Ethiopia's economic existence would be threatened if the latter port falls into the hands of Somalia.

Both Ethiopia and Somalia have made solemn pledges to respect the independence of the new, bi-tribal state, whose population is pro-Arab. Though Somalia refuses to sign any pact with Ethiopia guaranteeing the territory's independence.

U.S. officials have described the Ethiopian government as unstable, repressive, incapable of managing its economic affairs and beset by insurgencies. In testimony before a Senate panel recently, a State Department official

said there was constant pressure from various U.S. quarters to alter America's aid policy to Ethiopia and that Washington's position on Ethiopia was in "constant review." The American have just cancelled \$11.7m. of aid to Ethiopia.

The Soviet Union and the Cubans may be moving to replace the U.S. as Ethiopia's principle benefactor, according to David Ottaway, the "Washington Post" correspondent in Addis Ababa. And there is a definite possibility of a "superpower flip-flop" in the Horn of Africa, with the Soviet Union moving into Ethiopia and the Americans taking their place in Somalia. Ottaway reported earlier this week.

Another possibility, he mentions, is that the Soviets will achieve sufficient leverage in both Somalia and Ethiopia to impose a "Pax Sovietica" on the two socialist countries. He also notes that Ethiopia's strongman, Lt. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam, has shown pro-Soviet leanings.

OVER HALF of Ethiopia's battered 80,000-man army is bogged down in Eritrea, fighting three guerrilla forces whose total strength numbers about 36,000. Thousands of other troops are strung out along the Sudan border, where President Numeiry has thrown his weight behind the Eritreans. Ethiopian troops are also fighting in at least nine areas within the country. Moreover, the Israeli-trained officer corps has been decimated by executions. How can Ethiopia afford to go to war with the tough Somalian army, still backed by 1,500 Soviet "advisers"?

It can't. Somalia would either occupy Djibouti, or set up a puppet state, and the Red Sea would turn into an Arab lake.

The view that an independent Eritrea — and a Somalia-dominated Djibouti — does not necessarily mean a blockade of Israel's commerce has been put forward in a recent book by Tom J. Farer, an American who once served as legal adviser to the Somalian police.

Farer's book, "War Clouds over the Horn of Africa: A Crisis for Detente," attacks Israeli analysts who are concerned by Arab inroads in Eritrea and around the Bab el-Mandeb straits. He claims Israel can deter a blockade by taking counter-measures against Egypt and the Arab tanker fleet.

But there can be certainty only about one thing: the turmoil around the Gate of Tears could embroil Israel and her Arab enemies in a renewed round of warfare.

## BEHIND THE NEWS / Sasson Jacoby

# Gaddafi scores first victory

HA'EVER the world may think of Libya's Colonel Mu'ammer Gaddafi's ventures in the world of politics and his inclinations to serve the cause of Islam and "revolutionary" aims he has again proved his skill of hushing his critics.

Gaddafi has now "reformed" his country's ruling body — again in conformity with the precepts of the Quran and what he calls socialism, by setting up a new parliament, by calling his country the people's Socialist Libyan Arab Republic rather than republic.

Gaddafi did all this with Fidel Castro at his side last Friday and the Libyan leader may perhaps return home with an easier mind: his Libyan friend pledged, "The people of Libya would not hesitate to fight shoulder to shoulder with the Cuban people if they faced aggression" from American imperialism.

THE MOST unusual part of Mu'ammer Gaddafi's political "activism" is undoubtedly centred in off-Palestine. When the Moslem rebels of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) based in southern Philippines launched their war in 1973 against the Manila government, the Libyan dictator seized upon the conflict as a way of promoting what he considers the overall Moslem interest.

The Moros, a problem for 400 years in the largely Roman Catholic

Philippines ever since the Spanish conquest, have fought to set up an autonomous region in the 13 southern provinces.

Gaddafi previously helped to finance the Irish Republican Army in Northern Ireland, because as he once said, he "supports the right of people to self-determination, liberty and decolonization."

IN THE CASE of the Philippine Moslems who comprise about six per cent of the 44 million population, Gaddafi felt he had the utmost right to provide them with funds and strong moral support: after all, he considers himself the patron saint of both Islam and Arab nationalism.

Since the southern Philippine conflict broke out, the world media gave it relatively scant coverage. But it raged mostly on the large southern island of Mindanao and last reports spoke of 10,000 civilian deaths, 4,000 Moslem rebels killed and some 2,000 casualties among the government forces.

Recently, no less an important personage than Mrs. Marcos visited Libya and Gaddafi virtuously proposed a peace conference in his capital of Tripoli between a Philippine Government team, the MNLF and representatives of the Islamic Conference from Somalia, Senegal and Saudi Arabia to serve as observers.

This conference was held in January and ended with some success, having worked out a

preliminary accord for setting up an autonomous Moslem-run region within the overall sovereignty of the Philippine Government.

THE CONFERENCE in addition set up a joint committee which has been in session since last Thursday.

The committee had in previous meetings worked out details of the autonomy agreement preparatory to an initialing ceremony in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, by the Philippine Government, the MNLF and the Islamic Conference, on April 7.

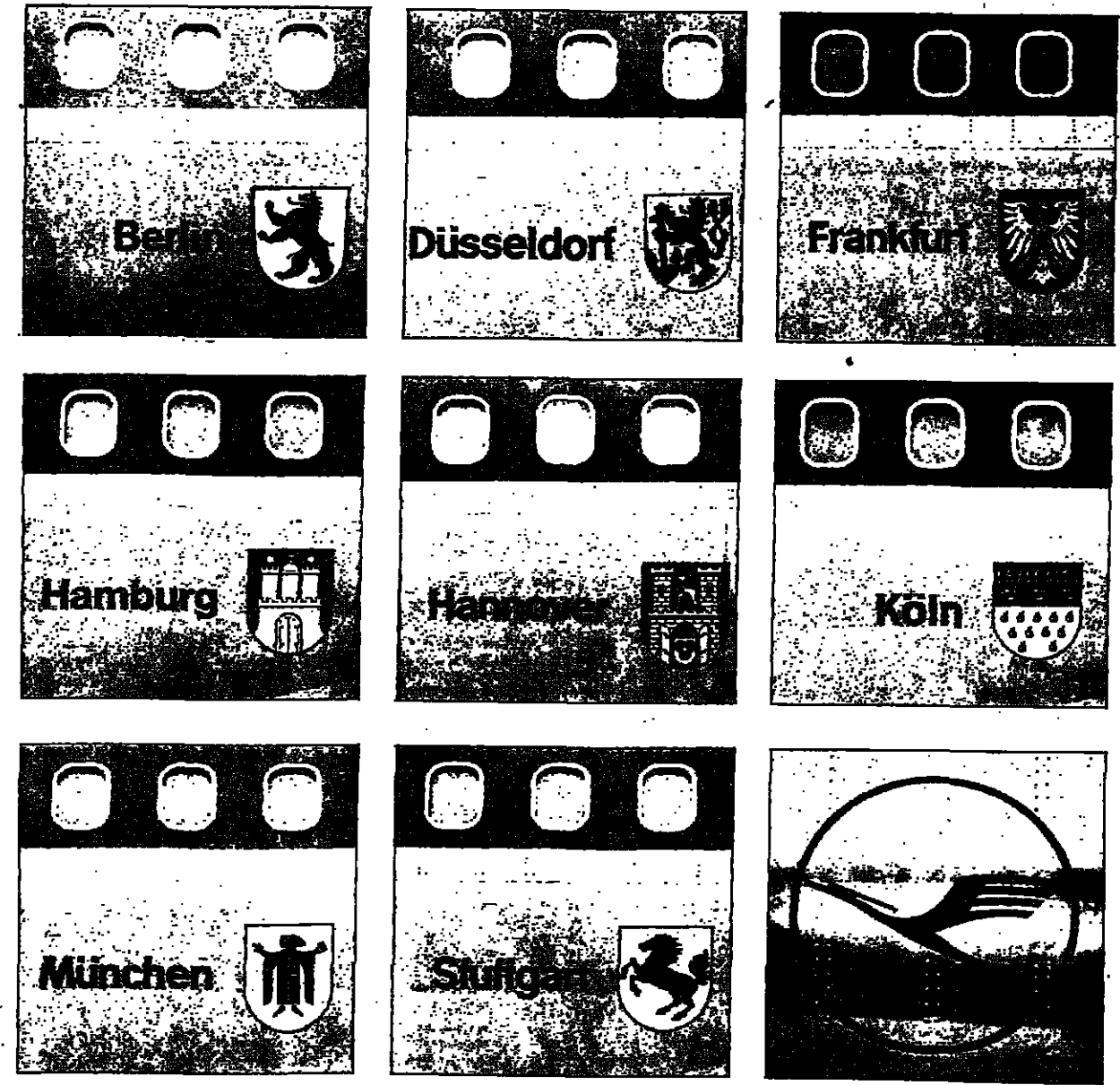
In the period since the cease-fire was enforced in southern Philippines at Gaddafi's initiative the guns of the Moslem rebels have fallen silent, and both Christians and Moslems have uneasily awaited the results of the Tripoli conference.

Oddly enough, the Moslem secession problem provided the Philippines with the opportunity of putting aside its own dispute with Moslem Malaysia over the rights to Sabah, in northern Borneo, which is part of the Malaysian Federation.

Gaddafi's interference in foreign causes undoubtedly made him the world's leading political leper — perhaps matched only by Idi Amin of Uganda. The Philippine Moslem affair, however, may be chalked up as the one achievement of his political adventuring abroad.

How the accord will work out for Philippine Christians and Moslems in the south, is of course, another story.

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# High stakes in game against Belgium

BASKETBALL / Steve Kaplan

Tel Aviv Maccabi's basketball team lost in Italy last Wednesday, as they received some unexpected support from the Russians as the Euro Cup of Champions final round continued to furnish surprises.

As a result, local fans have one and on their pocket computers and other on a bottle of tranquilizers anticipation of Thursday's home game against Maccabi Pils of Belgium. As little as three weeks ago, this Tel Aviv Maccabi-Pils game seemed to be nothing but a friendly counter between two teams who had ed valiantly but could not get to final. Then, the Belgians beat Maccabi of Varese in Belgium and Maccabi had two sensational wins over Zabierka of Brno and CSKA. As combination put Maccabi in an advantageous position, but did nothing for the Belgians. The biggest surprise of all came three days ago Maccabi Pils, playing at home, beat the Russians, 77-76, knocking them out of the European Cup.

The significance of the Belgians' win to Maccabi is tremendous. This is where the "ifs" take over. If Maccabi beats the Belgians on Thursday, it will mean that Maccabi has qualified for the final game for the European championship next month in Belgrade. If both the Belgians and the Spaniards win, also, then Maccabi's game on March 26 in Madrid will decide the team going to the final.

There are other possible combinations that could send the Belgians to the final. At the beginning of the final round of play, the Belgians were rated the weakest team in the tournament. They lost to Real Madrid and the Spaniards. Most people thought they would finish the round without a win. But about a month ago they turned around and have beaten, in succession, Tel Aviv Maccabi, Maccabi Pils and the Russians. The



New national tennis coach Jackie Saul (right), who immigrated at the beginning of the year from South Africa, meeting over the weekend with the national men's squad. Seen with the 33-year-old Saul are (left to right) Yair Wertheimer, Shlomo Glickstein, Ilan Sherr, Yaron Katsin, Shai Puni, and Haim Arlosoroff.

## New tennis coach in 'Grand Prix'

RAMAT HASHARON. — Jackie Saul, the new national tennis coach, will make his bow in the local competitive game in next weekend's second "Grand Prix" tournament of 1977 at the Tennis Centre here.

Centre director Avi Esakov told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the country's top 32 men and 12 women players will take part in the series of six sponsored bi-monthly events each held over two consecutive weekends. The new Sheraton-Tel Aviv Hotel and Wilson Sporting Goods are together contributing \$120,000 in prize money.

The opening "Grand Prix" tournament was won by Shlomo Glickstein and Tami Levin, and the overall results are calculated on the participants' best performances in four out of the year's half dozen events. The project is run by the Tennis Centre in cooperation with the Israel Lawn Tennis Association (ILTA).

Saul, 33, a former top South African player who has immigrated to Israel with his family, was only able to get in one session of coaching here last Tuesday before a wet weather washed out his first week's training programme.

Also washed out was the three-day National Junior Championships for boys and girls in the under-14 and under-16 categories, which was scheduled for Ramat Hasharon over

Purim. Only four first-round matches were possible Thursday morning, before torrential rains flooded the 13 courts, making further play impossible.

The meet, which has country-wide entry of 115 youngsters, is the third in the year-long series of national junior tournaments for different age groups inaugurated last month by the Tennis Centre and ILTA. It is hoped to play off the championships over the next fortnight, starting on Wednesday evening.

The traditional Pessah Junior Tennis Championships take place here from March 24 to April 1. ILTA general secretary Bezalel Eyal informed The Post.

# Liverpool keeps lead by edging Newcastle

ENGLISH SOCCER

LONDON. — Liverpool, unbeaten at the start of the season, edged Newcastle yesterday to keep its record in the First Division and maintain a two-point lead at the head of the First English Soccer league.

Liverpool headed in a cross from David Fairclough to give the Reds the only goal of the match in the 11th minute. Newcastle never equalized but Liverpool sealed a chance of sealing the title when Phil Neal's weak second penalty was saved by Mike Hoeny.

Liverpool kept the pressure on Newcastle by defeating Arsenal 4-1 in the Londoners' home ground, which lost its two previous matches, scored all its goals in the second half through Brian Talbot, with Bertie, David Wark from a penalty spot and Paul Mariner. My Malcolm MacDonald, scoring 23rd goal of the season from the penalty spot, could give any joy to the Reds, which has not won a match in its last nine outings.

Manchester City's championship challenge faltered when it lost a derby to Manchester United 3-2. Stuart Pearson, Gordon Hill and Steve Coppell put United in com-

## Niki Lauda wins S.A. Grand Prix as two are killed

JOHANNESBURG. — Austria's Niki Lauda yesterday won his first Formula One Grand Prix since a near-fatal crash last August, piloting his red Ferrari to victory in the South African Grand Prix which claimed the lives of fellow race driver Tom Pryce and a track marshal.

South Africa's Jody Scheckter came second in his Wolf Ford, overtaking Argentina's Carlos Reutemann as leader in the world drivers' standings. Behind Scheckter came France's Patrick Depailler, Welsh-born Pryce, 27, died on the 23rd lap after his shadow car struck a fire marshalling running across the track, opposite the pits, with a fire extinguisher towards the burning car of Italy's Renzo Zorzo.

A witness said the "marshalling" spun up into the air, clothes and bits of him flying everywhere and he fell down and there was not much left of him.

Fellow driver Alex Ribeiro of Argentina told UPI: "The extinguisher the marshalling carried smashed into Tom's face and probably killed him at once." (UPI)

## Technion swamps Yizre'el

RUGBY / Jack Leon

TEL AVIV. — The Technion yesterday scored an impressive 23-3 away victory over Kibbutz Yizre'el, to complete their National Rugby League programme for the 1976-77 season.

The Hailfates now have 12 points from their seven games.

Holon-Na'an defeated Tel Aviv University 11-3 at Na'an to bring their points total to six from only four outings to date. By good fortune, both games were played in fine weather.

Sarona's scheduled home fixture against Ha'agen-Nir Kibbutz yesterday at the neighbouring Galilee Kibbutz of Yiftah was postponed because the field was waterlogged.

In spite of the soggy field, at Yizre'el, the Technion played attractive rugby, featuring some very effective combined movements between the forwards and backs. Ian

# Israel confident of victory over Japan

SOCCER / Paul Kohn

TEL AVIV. — The Israel lineup against Japan in a World Cup soccer game this afternoon shows two changes from the team which drew 0-0 against South Korea last Sunday. The game at the Ramat Gan Stadium kicks off at 2.30 p.m.

National team coach David Schweitzer yesterday named Yaron Oz to replace Yitzhak Shum in midfield and Moshe "Mutzi" Leon, 33, returns at left back for the injured Meir Nimni. Oz was a regular member before he broke his leg some months ago. Leon had his hand in plaster cast until this week. With Shum out of the side, Mordechai Spiegler will captain the Israel team.

Spiegler said last night that he was confident of victory over Japan today and on Thursday. "All the players are fully aware of the mistakes we made against Korea," he said. He revealed that Israel would play a 4-3-3 formation, indicating that Peretz, Damti and Spiegler would be the front-runners and the team would start in a more attacking mood than last Sunday.

The Japanese arrived here late Thursday with 21 players, manager, trainer, doctor and four officials. Despite the wet weather, they held two training sessions on Friday and two yesterday. They came here from Germany where they held a two-week training camp, playing three friendly games. Before leaving Japan on February 15, they played twice against the Argentine club Independiente, losing 2-3 and drawing 0-0.

Manager Hiroshi Ninomiya told The Jerusalem Post last night that playing both World Cup qualifying games in Israel, rather than home and away, put his team at a disadvantage. However, he still rated Japan's chances of winning Asian group 2 as "50-50". Japan was not ready to play host to Israel because of security considerations in Japan, Ninomiya explained.

He took over the Japanese national side after last year's Olympic qualifying games in which Israel beat Japan 4-1 and 2-0 in Ramat Gan. Ninomiya considers his team much improved. He flew in to spy on the Israel team in its game against Greece at Ramat Gan in January, which ended 1-1. He said Israel was strongest in defence but disorganized in attack.

Ninomiya said Japan will field its strongest team except for an injury to Arai. Six of the team played against Israel last year. The danger man will be centre forward Kousige Kamamoto, 33. He was not ready to reveal the type of game Japan will play nor which players would play in what positions.

The game will be controlled by referees from France.

The teams: Japan — Taguchi, Goal; Ishii, Ochiai, Kiyokumo, Saito, Kawakami, Fujishima, Okudera, Nagai, Kamamoto, Uenoi.

Israel — Sorinov, Leventhal, Avi Cohen, Bar, Leon, Oz, Schweitzer, Maimilian, Spiegler, Peretz, Damti.

## 3rd division soccer

**Third Division — South**

Marmorek Hap. 2 Ashken Hapool 1  
Or Yehuda Hap. 2 Yavne Maccabi 2  
Dizengoff Hap. 2 Hachshama R. Gan 0  
Ashdod Hap. 1 Be'er Sheva 0  
Ramat Hap. 2 Bat Yam Hap. 2  
B. Ya'acov Hap. 0 B. Shimon Hap. 1  
B. Haayin Hap. 0 Ness Ziona 2

**Third Division — North**

M. Yehuda Hap. 1 K. Shimon Hap. 1  
Nahariya Hap. 2 Ha'asana Hapool 1  
Ashken Hap. 2 Ashdod Hap. 0  
Be'er Sheva Hap. 1 Be'er Sheva Hap. 1  
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**Friendly Matches**

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Ramat Hap. 0 Ness Ziona Mac. 1  
Petah Tikva Hap. 1 Yavne Hapool 0  
(broken off after 90 minutes)

## 'Exhaustion' stops chess tournament

Lucerne, Switzerland. — The third game between chess grandmasters Henrique Mecking of Brazil and Lev Polugayevsky of the Soviet Union scheduled for yesterday was postponed until tomorrow because the 25-year-old Brazilian is in "a state of nervous exhaustion," officials said.

Polugayevsky, 42, won their second game when it resumed on Friday after being adjourned from last Wednesday. The Russian is leading with a total score of 1.5 points to 0.5 points for Mecking.

The two are competing in one of four quarter-finals of a tournament organized by the World Chess Federation to find a challenger for the world title against champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union. (Reuters)

## s sportsmanship breaking out?

By SHALOM COHEN

On the other day, the TV commentator of the soccer game between South Korea and the referee had actually a goal. If that wasn't enough, TV news later sent a slow-motion re-run of the disallowed goal to show how lucky it was for Israel that the match ended in a draw.

His unpatriotic "objectivism" will surely go down as a historic moment in Israeli sport: perhaps the first time a referee was disallowed a goal for a disallowed goal. It must be a first, as we recall a previous instance of such masochistic schism.

We have got used to comments like that of the TV commentator at that famous basketball game, confirming a referee's decision favourable to our side with "There can be no doubt the referee is right, no doubt whatsoever, absolutely no doubt." Nothing unusual, though generally commentators chastise the ref. (not to mention the referee's bad luck and unsympathetic weather) for bias just our boys.

That innovative and treasonable TV comment over disallowed goal invited thoughts that maybe someone at last had dropped a critical word at Broadcasting House. Because it also followed on another rarity.

After the mammoth welcome for the triumphant Tel Aviv Maccabi basketball team, the TV news commentator injected a footnote of retrospective criticism on the "unimpressive" performance of the overwhelmingly Israeli crowd at the historic game in Belgium.

This was in reference to the crowd's constant catcalls against the Russian players. It's the sort of thing now common at our stadiums, seen and heard by all, but like the Emperor's Clothes invariably unnoticed by our commentators.

(And not be a Wet Blanket, we'll also let go unnoticed the preponderance of American players on Israel's team in that historic game.)

The issue goes beyond "mere" sport. To exhort our sports fans to display sportsmanship is fine and educational. But we are entitled to demand from commentators and opinion-formers, such as our sports writers and commentators, that they occasionally desist from playing to the gallery. The David and Goliath theme loses by being overdone; and in any case we need not make ourselves that small.

True, fireworks on the playing fields are for many a welcome relief from our other national sport — politics. In both, hysteria over winning is too often coupled with despair and collapse on losing.

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## The view from Blair House

MR. RABIN'S visit to Washington has been denounced by the Opposition — not surprisingly — as an election stunt. However, it is clear that even if there were no election campaign the Prime Minister would find it necessary and useful to pay a visit to the American capital at this time.

There is after all something new in Washington. Mr. Rabin will want to study it and be studied in return in order to develop the kind of direct understanding and mutual confidence with President Carter and his top aides that Israel, and for that matter, the U.S. as well, require.

For despite their vast differences in size and power the two countries are tied so closely together by a web of historic relationships and common interests that coordination of policy and preventing visible differences is itself a mutual interest.

The Carter Administration is now in the process of developing its policy conceptions and operating procedures. The Middle East is plainly high on its agenda.

It is important, therefore, that Mr. Rabin seize this early opportunity to reach an understanding with the Administration on the strategy of reaching a Middle East peace settlement. The Prime Minister, like Mrs. Meir before him, were confident that such an understanding had been achieved with the Nixon, and later, the Ford Administrations, despite possible differences in detail.

From its first signs, the Carter Administration intends to introduce a new moral element into its foreign policy designs. With regard to the Soviet Union, this has already made itself felt in American criticisms of Soviet violations of human rights at home. The level and nature of U.S. arms sales, including sales to the Middle East, is also being scrutinized with a view to curbing America's role as an arms exporter.

How this new moral element is likely to affect the Administration's political efforts in the Middle East will be one of the questions for which Mr. Rabin will no doubt seek answers. For Israel quite clearly stands at the gateway of new risks. There are those in Washington who would even propose Israel risk withdrawal from territories without the peace Israel seeks.

The new dialogue with the Carter Administration could well focus therefore on the moral dimension of risk-taking in the Middle East.

## Supreme Court's new look

WITH THE APPOINTMENT of Judge Miriam Ben Porat along with Judge Shlomo Asher to the Supreme Court, Israel has scored a first — the first woman to sit on the supreme judicial body of any country with a common law system.

It may well be asked why it has taken nearly thirty years of statehood before the appointment of a woman to the Supreme Court. The answer is two-fold. Despite the example of a woman Foreign Minister and indeed Premier, there has been a certain amount of traditional resistance to the idea of feminine representation in one of the most distinguished and prestigious institutions of the State. But the main reason is simply that, till now, there has not been a woman suitable for such a high office.

Judge Ben Porat has qualified for her promotion because she is an excellent jurist. By her energetic and passionate devotion to the legal profession, and by her manner of conducting her court — reinforced by the fine record she scored as acting judge on the Supreme Court during the past five months — she has proved herself capable of filling the exacting demands made of the highest judges in Israel. In short, she has all the qualities that are required of anyone who aspires to sit on the bench of the Supreme Court. She is *pari passu* with, and if she were not truly "equal" she would not have been eligible for the Supreme Court, whatever her sex. And no one would want it otherwise.

Now that women have started taking an active, and full-time, role in the Israel world of law, and particularly in the Attorney General's and State Attorney's offices — in which Judge Ben Porat, too, received her legal training — we may expect more of them to reach the top of the ladder and thus provide a future source of potential Supreme Court justice.

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HA'ARETZ (Independent) asks what the purpose behind the forthcoming visit is. "Making acquaintance with Carter, though it could have considerable value in arousing the latter's interest in Israel's existence and well-being, is not enough. No peace programme — not even some more modest formula — will come out of this visit: that, it seems, is agreed. Carter knows, too, that Rabin's personal position is dependent on the election results, and so also are the political views he expresses."

"However, it should be possible to exploit the forthcoming summit to collect bricks for Arab-Israeli peace-building. Rabin must go prepared for questions about territorial con-

cessions on all three fronts and Israel's attitude towards the Palestinians, and he must answer with some basic Israeli political and defence positions."

DAVAR (Histadrut) scores the Likud for its opposition to Rabin's trip to Washington, seeing this attitude as blatant electioneering. "Does the approach of election day have to put a stop to Israel's peace efforts for fear they will be interpreted as electioneering?" the paper asks. "After all, it was Carter who invited Rabin: should the latter have declined the invitation — a similar one to those extended to the Arab leaders — on the grounds of election time?"

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# SHADOW OF HITLER OVER BRITAIN

IF THE NATIONAL FRONT or National Party — Britain's two Fascist political organisations — achieve influence or power through attacking the coloured minorities, they will soon turn on the Jews. The combination of recession, inflation, unemployment, housing shortage and high (and highly visible) immigration of Asians from East Africa and India have given new life to vicious old dogmas and doctrines. With May 1977 — the day of Britain's County Council elections — creeping upon us, anti-Fascists are bracing themselves for incidents.

At present, the Fascists are believed to be a bigger threat to Labour than to Conservative candidates. The immigrants (unlike their Jewish predecessors) tend to live in the poorer parts of town and to be resented by their neighbours. The more underprivileged the host community, the greater the resentment; the more successful the immigrant, the greater the jealousy.

Conversely, if the immigrant — who exercises his right to be here and acquires the full entitlements of a British citizen — is unfortunate enough himself to be poor, then the Fascists teach the neighbours to regard him as a parasite.

If the immigrant has a job, then, he is taking work which might have gone to an unemployed white man. If he has no job and lives off unemployment benefit, "who wants him here?" Did we not fight in two wars and have not we paid out national insurance contributions all our lives for our benefits? So why should he acquire the same benefits without contributing to them?

AT FIRST, the Labour Party regarded the National Front as a minor menace in selected areas only — Bradford, Brixton, Leicester and East London, for example. Now it is recognised that it could spread across the country like a disease, affecting election results in at least 30 marginal parliamentary seats.

The Labour Party has mounted an anti-racist campaign, aimed at public opinion, not least through the trade union. The Prime Minister has denounced the National Front in the House; and the Home Secretary, Merlyn Rees (formerly charged with Northern Ireland affairs) is a forthright opponent of discrimination and determined to keep the miseries of Belfast from the streets of our immigrant cities.

The Conservatives are now beginning to see that Fascism may affect them too — if only when they return to power (which they believe may be soon). So Mrs. Thatcher has made a

British Jewry is at long last waking up to the threat of home-grown Fascism, writes GREVILLE JANNER, M.P., from London.

speech in her constituency, attacking the National Front and its venomous ideas.

Able young Conservative, Scottish, Jewish MP Malcolm Rifkind recently wrote in the "Jewish Chronicle": "Whenever you put an anti-National Front leaflet through someone's letter-box, you are advertising the National Front." Happily, that view is fading over the horizon. The National Front needs no advertisement. Indeed, it is planning to put up over 400 candidates in the next parliamentary election, as to obtain the same television time as the other minor parties — precious 15 minute slots at peak viewing time and on all channels.

WHO ARE THESE Fascists, then?

The National Front was formed in February 1967 from the merger of several, small, extreme right wing groups including the British National Party, the League of Empire Loyalists, the Greater British Movement, the Racial Preservation Society and the National Democratic Party.

More dangerous than Colin Jordan's National Socialist Movement (which is regarded as openly Nazi) or Oswald Mosley's British Union of Fascists (which is dying away, along with its leader), the National Front puts forward extreme right wing views, with an underlying neo-Nazi favouritism.

The chairman of the Leicester branch — a former chairman of the local Young Conservatives and a soft spoken solicitor — has been quoted as saying: "If the Asians will not take the initial incentive offered, then we shall have to start removing progressively their rights. If bloodshed and racial strife is the result, then all I can say is that it is an acceptable price to pay for clearing up the immigrants."

Note the word: "immigrants." I heard the same man saying in a broadcast that they would deport the immigrants "and their descendants." As nearly all British Jews are recent descendants of immigrants, the implication is obvious.

In the main — and with exceptions, such as their propagation of the in-

famous pamphlet, "Did 6 million really die?" — current N.F. propaganda is not anti-Semitic. But it would take little to shift them from their attacks on Asians (or "wogs") — "worthy oriental gentlemen" — to use the fifth phrase — to Jews (Yids, Kikes, Zionists...).

Indeed, when I was making my acceptance speech from the platform after the announcing of the result of the poll in West Leicester after the last election, my son found himself among a group of National Front supporters, replete with red and white blue rosettes, mouthing anti-Semitic gibes and jeers.

The other prominent Fascist group calls itself "The National Party"; it splintered away from the National Front in December 1975 after an internal battle with John Tyndall (then as now, NF chairman) and it is headed by a Mr. John Kingley-Reed. Taking an even harder line on immigration and claiming to have purged his party of "neo-Nazi elements," Kingley-Reed sees his party as the National Front minus its "Nazi activity." It won two seats in the Northern town of Blackburn in the most recent District Council elections.

SLOWLY, the complacent British Jewish community is reacting to this resurgent Fascist menace. The Defence Committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews now has an Information Library and a Librarian to care for it. Its energetic chairman, Martin Savitt, and its professional director, Dr. Jacob Gewirtz, provide a focus for anti-Fascist activities throughout the country. The Board maintains the closest liaison with the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen (AJEX), which specialises in "Defence."

Unfortunately, while the U.S. Jewish community boasts not one but several (and overlapping) "anti-defamation" organisations, Britain's single set-up is desperately short of funds. Still, as the eyes open, so does the pocket book.

The National Front aims, *inter alia*, "to halt all further coloured immigration and to arrange for phased and humane repatriation," "to re-establish law and order," "to oppose Communism world-wide," "to get Britain out of the EEC, UN and all other international and pro-world government agencies" — and "to free Britain from domination by international monopoly capitalism."

By "international monopoly capitalism" the Fascists mean world Jewry, of course.

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## Poland on the brink?

IS POLAND really on the brink of revolt? Since the 'food riots' of last June shook the Giersek regime to its foundations, the question has been fiercely debated both abroad and inside the country. In view of the unique Polish track record — two Communist governments overthrown by riots and strikes in the past 21 years — it seems a reasonable question.

The regime is sitting on a powder keg, said one Polish dissident recently, and so it clearly believes itself. Having withdrawn the long-overdue price rises within 24 hours of their announcement last June, the Polish regime is now in an anguished debate about how they can be reintroduced without triggering revolt.

The clearest statement of the possibilities came last December in London, in a joint statement by three influential Polish dissidents (two now in exile, the third abroad for a visit). Lack of freedom, economic inefficiency, deterioration of culture and lack of national independence are all intensely felt in Poland. This has given rise to a state of crisis threatening an uncontrolled explosion, and this — if it occurs — may, in turn, bring about a Soviet invasion.

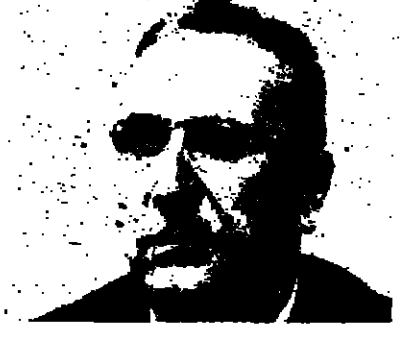
No one would welcome that. The Russians would intervene, or face the risk of general catastrophe in their increasingly restive Eastern European satellites. And most of the 34 million Poles, Communist and non-Communist alike, perhaps even aided by parts of the armed forces, would try to resist.

They would lose, of course, and nobody would send them any help, but it would be a bloody business. If national traditions are anything to go by, an almost unanimous Polish decision in favour of gallant but futile armed resistance is as predictable as was the Czech decision against it during the 1968 Warsaw Pact invasion.

At the end, detente and Warsaw could both lie in ruins, and Poland would face an indefinite future of direct Soviet occupation and odious puppet regimes. No wonder responsible Poles of all political orientations are trying desperately to keep the situation under control. But it is not easy.

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The tide of discontent in Poland is rising. Gwynne Dyer considers the prospects of an open uprising.



Edward Giersek... credentials eroded.

THE CAUSE of Poland's current unrest is generally taken to be economic. If Poles were now enjoying the soaring living standards their leaders had promised and planned to achieve over the past six years, then certainly trouble could be postponed for some time. But the basic problem is a regime that has lost political as well as economic credibility, face to face with a belligerent younger generation of workers and intellectuals that has scented blood.

The riots and strikes in June, which extended to almost every industrial centre in the country, were set off by two things: price rises on basic foods averaging 67 per cent, and workers' resentment at the accompanying adjustments in wages and salaries which favoured state and party officials to the disadvantage of the working class. But those were merely the immediate causes.

The Polish Communist government and their Russian colleagues have always lived in fear of the Polish population's well-earned reputation for revolt against foreign domination and domestic oppression. That was why the Russians let the Polish Communists oust Stalin's puppets in 1956, and install a more nationalistic Communist government under Wladyslaw Gomulka.

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Catholic Church, eased restrictions on the press and travel, and tried to bring about rapid economic growth.

For a while the strategy worked. Two-thirds of the country's industrial plant has been replaced, mostly with imports from the West, in the past five years. Over a million new houses were built, and real incomes rose by 40 per cent. But a combination of mismanagement and bad luck has postponed the expected boom in consumption.

Recession in the West, rising Soviet oil prices and bad harvest have pushed the Polish government into a very awkward position. It now owes over 75 billion in the West, but the predicted surge in exports and in consumer goods has not come.

Warsaw is paying out an estimated 30 per cent of its hard currency earnings merely to meet interest payments on its foreign loans. Last year, moreover, it had to import about 7 1/2 million tons of grain. In desperation it decided that ridiculously low subsidised food prices would have to be raised to realistic levels. The reaction was an explosion of popular resistance.

THE REGIME is now badly frightened. It has put off the whole price issue until next autumn, but soon the problem will simply have to be faced. The Soviet Union is trying to help with money and grain on easy credit terms. They both hope that if Giersek can win two or three years of stability, the huge investments that have mired Poland in foreign debt will begin producing the consumer goods that might buy Poles off.

Economically that makes sense, and no Pole actually desires the catastrophes that a full-scale revolt would bring. But Giersek's government, originally so innovative, has fallen back into the hands of the desperately unimaginative Party bureaucracy that ruined its predecessor.

His continuing need to keep the Kremlin happy has eroded his credentials as a Polish nationalist, and he has lost almost all popular support. This time there is not even a rival faction in the Communist Party to replace him, as there was in 1956 and 1970.

If people are sensible, there will not be a revolt in Poland, for it would do no good. But the workers now know their power, the security forces are nervous, and Poland is still Poland. It could happen.

### READERS' LETTERS

#### WOMEN'S STATUS AND ALIYA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As a professor of sociology spending a month of her sabbatical in Israel (my third visit), who has extensively researched issues concerning women in the United States and who has been speaking with women in Israel, I wish to express my appreciation to the article on how to promote aliyah from America, (February 10). I am taking this opportunity to add some information on why many idealistic, talented women who could make a contribution to Israel are not coming, or, if they come, are returning to their countries of origin. It is not simply the physical hardships: rather it is the pervasive sexism in Israeli society that motivated their behaviour.

How can they be expected to come to remain in a society where, as happened to a woman with whom I spoke, they are called whores by their neighbours if they are divorced and where every woman is expected not only to marry but have children also and where alternative life-styles (except for pregnancy out of wedlock) leave them isolated?

How can they be expected to come to remain in a society where they have to plead with their physicians for pap smears since they are educated enough to know that research now indicates that Jewish women are not immune from cervical cancer as was once thought?

How can they be expected to come to a society or remain when victims of rape are treated by the police as if they are the criminals who have to prove their innocence? When the late Dorit Padan Elenshtark brought me to Ben Gurion University last year to lecture on rape, a male clinical psychologist said that my sample was biased because none of the 1,080 rape victims who responded to the survey had said they had enjoyed being raped.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As a former prisoner of war at Auschwitz (1943-1945), may I comment on your report of February 11, ("U.S. Jews' 'shocked' at 'ad Vashem'"), and on Mr. Vance's reaction to a letter on display from the deputy U.S. Defence Secretary who refused to allow the bombing of Auschwitz in order to "save" the concentration camp inmates. How such an action could possibly have saved anyone was known only to those who called for such action.

Was an escape intended for thousands of weak and exhausted men, women, and children in the middle of occupied Europe, at a time when even a step in the wrong direction would have brought down immediate and final retribution? If my opinion, it is doubtful that the prisoners could have known for what reason they were being attacked or what was expected of them, since under the circumstances they could not be organized.

I believe I am correct in assuming that the strategy of the U.S. Air operations in central Europe prior to 1945 involved high-level saturation bombing, rather than the low-level precision attacks required to hit specific and relatively small targets such as concentration camps situated hundreds of miles from enemy territory. If the general "Auschwitz" quoted in the I.G. Farben industry then being indeed bombed, as I recollect, seven times by the Americans, Russians in turn and once, I believe by the British. Some camps, off to the side of the concentration camps, Auschwitz were eventually hit, but not by the Americans, nor by the British, nor by the Russians.

Perhaps Mr. Vance, in his emotional response: "Even if the country didn't act," overlooked the possibility that the refusal of the deputy Defence Secretary to permit the intentional bombing of a concentration camp was conceived prompted by compassion for the suffering humanity.

I may add that I am neither Jew nor nor American.

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Tel Aviv.

WITH THE CONSENT OF VOTERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I do not quite see the point of Mr. Goell's call to party leaders to own up to the past (February 18). What were those who now know so much better? Rather too many people have been caught helping themselves, and this is bad. However, the system as such has been enshrined for many years, was more or less openly practiced by all and repeatedly received the consent of the voters.

The parties built this country and if, as a consequence, we stayed much too politicized, this is because people wanted it. To this day, nobody questions the fact that political parties are more sensitive to the needs of the voters than brusque and ill-tempered civil servants. This is true not only here, but all over the world. At least, that is the case, but do things somewhat in this field, but

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